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Carl H. Mote Lost . . .

Even the non-partisan, non-political Friends of Democracy watched the Republican nominating convention in Indiana this year with bated breath. One of the candidates for the Republican nomination for United States Senator was none other than Carl H. Mote, anti-Semite, friend of alleged seditionists, and energetic worker for the super-nationalist movement.

. . . And "Homer" Won

Mote was defeated, which should have caused the pro-democracy forces to breathe easier. But the man who won the election was none other than Homer Capehart, who was intimately tied up with the pro-Fascists back in 1938 and 1939.

Capehart has an interesting background. In 1938 and 1939 he was a friend of Felix McWhirter and James E. Campbell, the former being active on the fringes of the Fascist movement and the latter being one of the most active in the entire field. The friendship seems to have been a close one; they called each other "Homer" and "Felix" and "Jim."

Campbell, who was in the Fascist movement up to his ears, sent out reams and reams of reports "proving" that the "Communist-Jewish-International Bankers" had taken over our government and were driving the nation to ruin. He once wrote: "There is no question but what a postulate Jewry is responsible for communism. . . . Frankly, I say to you that this thing has gone so far that there is only one remedy, and that is a military action which will put a military court in charge of the United States Federal Government and each State government". (Dies Committee Reports, Volume 5, page 3476).

McWhirter committed himself less freely than Campbell. But the color of his political thinking can be gleaned from a letter he wrote to Campbell during 1938: "Yours of the 9th this morning received. Is it true that Hull's wife is part or full-blood Semite? What do you know of Landon's Semitic connections? What do you know of William Allen White's Semitic connections?" (Dies Committee Reports, Volume 5, page 3275).

Now back in 1938 while Campbell was thinking about cleaning out the "Communistic-Jews" and setting up a military dictatorship, and while McWhirter was worrying about Alf Landon's "Semitic connections," these two decided to run Homer Capehart for President of the United States. "Monday afternoon was spent with Homer," Campbell wrote to McWhirter in November, 1938. "It is my opinion that he sees the picture as we do, and will sacrifice himself, if necessary, for the welfare of the country." (Dies Committee Reports, Volume 5, pages 3276, 3277).

Campbell had the whole thing figured out. "Homer," he said, was a "natural. Not for the national chairmanship of the Republican Party, but for the 1940 nominee for President." Campbell was going to organize the 435 Congressional districts throughout the nation and appoint 435 "key people" to take charge of the various districts. He also estimated the cost of office personnel, research work, travel expenses, etc., etc.

Capehart apparently liked the idea. As Campbell wrote to McWhirter: "I covered the situation with Homer and he is coming to Indianapolis Thursday for a discussion with you. I told him of the 15,000 posts, the 435 Congressional districts, the type of organization that was to be perfected therein, the necessity of infrequent public appearance until next year, the State meetings, and how this program could be controlled and developed." (Dies Committee Reports, Volume 5, page 3276).

Everything was going beautifully, and, according to Campbell, Capehart was virtually in the White House. But there was one hitch to the whole scheme. Just as Campbell had everything under control, Major General George Van Horn Mosely retired from the United States Army and let out a terrific blast against the Administration. The General said all the things the Fascists had been saying for years. He said that Hitler was really O. K., that Roosevelt wanted war, that the Jews were all Communists, and so forth. All the Fascists and near-Fascists, including Campbell and McWhirter, immediately flocked to the General.

"Homer" temporarily was eclipsed. The prestige of a retired Army General plus Moseley's candid statements about Hitler and the Jews put Capehart in the shade. Campbell and McWhirter busily set about arranging for the General to speak in Indianapolis on December 29, 1938.

Campbell, however, had no intention of deserting Capehart entirely. Writing to McWhirter on December 19, 1938, Campbell said: "Put this meeting (the Moseley meeting in Indianapolis) across successfully on the 29th, give us the right kind of assistance, and I guarantee to give you a meeting like that in each State, to be addressed by either the General or Homer during the ensuing year." (Dies Committee Reports, Volume 5, page 3410).

Moseley made his speech in Indianapolis on December 29, and, as such speeches go, it was "put across successfully." The General was an important figure in Fascist circles for the next few months. But the Fascists began fighting among themselves, and Moseley was discredited by the Dies Committee investigation. Finally, the General disappeared from the political horizon.

Campbell has been very quiet for the last few years. McWhirter caused a flurry a year or so back by getting himself a job connected with Naval Intelligence. But that passed over long ago. Of the political trio only Capehart is left. And he has the Republican nomination for United States Senator.

Coughlinites Swing Into Action

On June 25 in St. Joseph's Church, Brooklyn, Father Edward Lodge Curran, the American Firster and advocate of Father Coughlin, held another of his annual Masses in honor of the Detroit priest's ordination to the priesthood. Speaking before a full congregation, Curran called for the return to the radio, and eulogized: "For the past 28 years Father Coughlin has devoted his spiritual and intellectual and oratorical and literary talents to the cause of defending America against all anti-Americans and all anti-Christians." Following the Mass a group of old-time Christian Fronters gathered outside the Church to exchange tirades against the "Anglo-Jewish" conspiracy for world government and to relate such rumors as "Roosevelt is syphilitic" and "50,000 troops were killed the first two days on the Normandy beachhead".

Curran Speaks Out

Rabble-rouser Curran is making another bid to gather in the support of isolationist, America First and pro-Fascist elements in the East and Midwest for the nationalist cause. He recently returned from a speaking tour which included stops at Chicago, Cleveland and Boston. Curran held a mass meeting, April 30, in Columbus Hall, Brooklyn, and launched the National Committee for the Preservation of Americanism Against Internationalism. In a super "patriotic" atmosphere strongly reminiscent of Christian Front days, Curran harangued before some 2500 persons: "The purpose of this meeting is to impress our people with the dangers of totalitarianism. . . . This is an American meeting because it is being held for the welfare of the U. S. A. alone. This meeting is to preserve America from the evils of internationalism, to restore to our country the orthodox American measures of nationalism. . . ." Curran ended by calling for similar mass meetings in other cities and asked those present to contact him at 407 Bergen Street, Brooklyn. This is the address of the International Catholic Truth Society of which Curran is President.

Sharing the platform with Curran were William Gallagher and "Captain" William Grace. A former America First and Christian Front organizer and vicious Jew-baiter from South Boston, Gallagher attacked British influences in Washington, defended Irish neutrality, condemned the "Smear Bund"—newest name for those who fight the Francoites, anti-Semites and America Firsters—and exclaimed: "Would to God we could remain neutral in this present conflict!" "Captain" Grace, a leader in Chicago isolationist circles, is head of the Citizens U. S. A. Committee, post-Pearl Harbor step-child of the Citizens Keep America Out of War Committee. Grace made his position clear: "I am an isolationist, a nationalist . . . I am anti-British, anti-Russian, anti-Japanese, anti-German, anti-everything that is anti-American and wants to hold that flag down."

Father Curran has a long history of pro-Fascist activity. During 1938 he wrote several columns for *Social Justice*, Coughlin's weekly hate sheet, and twice spoke for Coughlin on the latter's radio network. Along with Allen Zoll, another pro-Fascist with an unsavory record, Curran organized the picketing of station WMCA after it refused to carry Coughlin's radio talks, and later in conjunction with Patrick Scanlon, editor of the pro-Coughlin Brooklyn *Tablet* and Bernard T. D'Arcy, Coughlin's official eastern representative, negotiated with the station for the Detroit priest. In 1939 when the seventeen members of the Christian Front were indicted

for plotting to overthrow the government, Curran was an organizer and leading member of the Parents Defense Fund, set up to raise money for the defendants. He spoke from the same platform with Francis Moran, when the latter referred to the President as "Rosenfeld".

On October 30, 1938, Curran was one of two featured speakers at a pro-American rally in New York, sponsored by Allen Zoll's American Patriots, Inc. The other speaker was Mrs. Elizabeth Dilling, who now is on trial for sedition and conspiracy to undermine the morale of the armed forces. Twice Curran has addressed meetings on the same platform with Major General George Van Horn Moseley, one-time presidential hope of the nationalists and virulent anti-Semite. He has spoken for the Clan-na-Gael, an Irish Republican Army group in this country. The I. R. A. advocates violence in obtaining Irish "freedom."

Before Pearl Harbor Curran carried on an Anti-War Crusade and was among the most active isolationist leaders, speaking throughout the East and Middle West. His line was always the same—attacks on the "Communist" New Deal, the "war-making" politics of the President and State Department, "imperialistic" Britain, and "Godless" Russia. Lend-lease he declared to be unconstitutional.

After Pearl Harbor, Curran continued to exploit the same themes in less strident tones through lectures and in his regular weekly column in the *Gaelic American*, whose editorial policy parallels that of Father Curran. Recently, he has become more outspoken.

Smith Abandons "Respectability"

The latest of Gerald L. K. Smith's activities is the distribution, as a bonus to his supporters, of free copies of T. W. Hughes' book, *40 Years of Roosevelt*. If Smith ever had any yearning for "respectability", this means that he has abandoned it, for not by the widest stretch of the imagination could Hughes be considered "respectable". On the contrary, Hughes' background is full of swastikas, the German American Bund, and persons who are now on trial for conspiracy to overthrow the United States government and set up a Nazi regime here.

Cooperates with West Coast Fascist

Hughes, who was active in Los Angeles, was the founder and leader of the League to Save America First. As such, he conducted a series of forums at which the impeachment of Roosevelt was demanded and at which literature was distributed by stormtroopers wearing swastika emblems. A speaker at a Hughes meeting said: "Democracy has died because its bloodstream has been poisoned by the international financial system."

Members of the German American Bund attended Hughes' meetings. As a matter of fact, the Bund supported Hughes when he sought the Republican nomination for Congress in 1940. Herman Schwinn, West Coast Bund leader who is now on trial for conspiracy to establish Nazism here, was also a supporter of Hughes.

Hans Diebel, West Coast Bundist who is on trial with Schwinn, sold books by Hughes in his Aryan Book Store. Ellis O. Jones, who is on trial with Schwinn and Diebel, was once acting chairman of Hughes' League to Save America First. Also associated with Hughes was F. K. Ferenz, who is now on trial with Schwinn, Diebel, and Jones.

Hughes' outlook on ideology in general and international relations in particular can be gleaned from his book, *The Truth About England*, in which he says: ". . . the peoples of all Europe desire Economic Union with Germany and will gladly surrender all nationalistic ambition to this end, rather than longer endure the poverty and chaos which England's Balance-of-Power has forced upon them for more than 200 years. . . . The establishment of the New Order in Europe will help avoid disorder in America."

Louder Than All the Subversives . . .

The women's groups are making more noise than any of the subversives at this moment. *Women's Voice*, organ for We, the Mothers, Mobilize, Chicago, says that with the nomination of Dewey the Republicans have sold out to the Jews. They have dropped the subtleties of "International Bankers" and now lay their anti-Semitism right on the board.

The Women's Picture

But all is not lost, for they claim that they forced the "internationalists" to put Bricker on the Republican slate and hail his nomination as their personal victory. Now the women's job is to "get after the Republican Party" and let the Party and Congress know that they are to be held to their promises. Their stick with which to beat the Republicans into line is the threat of a third party. Mrs. Lyrl Van Hyning, head of We, the Mothers, Mobilize, would like very much to grab Clare Luce's place in the limelight. No doubt she considers herself just as photogenic, and, when she labels Clare Luce's Republican convention speech a "tirade", she knows

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that she could and has gone much further than Clare did in her "G-I Joe and G-I Jim" theme. Back in November, 1941, We, the Mothers, Mobilize made the record for an all time low. Combing the list of casualties, they sent letters of condolence to bereaved mothers, saying: . . . "We owe it to our loved dead, to the country for which they died, to call to account those who violated our Constitution and heartlessly placed our men in the danger zone between two warring nations, while we were still at peace . . we beg you . . to place the blame for the death of your son where it belongs . . to call to account the actual murderers and we will bless you and our country will call you blessed."

The Crusading Mothers of Pennsylvania, Mrs. John Brown's group, of Colwyn, Pennsylvania, is sending out piles of literature, warning against "internationalism" and leaflets "exposing" the neglect to which a discharged, disabled soldier was subject. They are also distributing reprints of speeches made by Congressmen John E. Rankin and Louis T. McFadden, which are calculated to arouse and spread race prejudice. Rankin's speech blames "Communistic Jews" for the race riots of the past year. McFadden proclaimed that Gentiles have slips of paper for money, while the Jews have gold. This speech was given in 1933, and the reprint bears the following foot-notes from Mrs. Brown's "mothers": "If these men mentioned above are guilty of the New Deal Plot to overthrow our constitutional government, it is the duty of Congress to seek them out and try them for treason. This Patriot . . Congressman McFadden, went to an untimely death shortly after this speech was made. He died just when his country needed his fearless leadership."

The United Mothers of America, Cleveland, Ohio, makes a public statement coming out 100 percent for Gerald L. K. Smith and reiterating their belief in the Jewish Communistic plot. The Women's League for Political Education signs an article for E. H. Rettig's *Constitutionalist* and says, among other things: "The 'Beat Hitler First' policy, the invasion of Italy, were purely political decisions against the judgment of our military. Both sprang . . . from the shrewd brain of Churchill who found it easy to sell a bill of goods to Roosevelt and his America-last cohorts. Will the American people be content to witness the ultimate catastrophe added to Mr. Churchill's Gallipoli, Dunkirk, Narvik . . . fiascos? . . . to duplicate the Dieppe plan on a magnified scale with Americans instead of Canadians spearheading the mass suicide? . . Before we march to Berlin over a pathway strewn with the corpses of innocent American youth, let us march to Washington . . Demand ACTION TO-DAY."

SOCIAL NOTES

The Gentile League, Inc., of Watertown, Wisconsin, has had its State charter revoked by Circuit Court Judge Alvin C. Reis. . . . The Gentile Co-operative Association, Chicago, Illinois, has issued its third edition of *Gentile News*. Jobs for Gentile veterans and a directory of Gentile businesses are its chief objectives. . . . Harry Paxton Howard, who left Shanghai in 1941 after 24 years in Japan and China, is finding favor in such publications as the *New Leader*, *Progressive*, *Money*, the *Broom*, and the *Boise Valley Herald*. In January he spoke before the Community Church in New York on Britain's empire aims in the East. Senator William Langer, whose sentiments are strongly anti-British, had the speech reprinted in the *Congressional Record*. On June 30, Howard spoke for the super-nationalist group in Chicago, the Citizens U. S. A. Committee . . . The Christocrats, Detroit, Michigan, are mailing out nasty little verses attacking Roosevelt, as well as a little booklet called "Political Christianity for the Republican Party." Incidentally, Robert Best, the American traitor in Berlin, addresses his nightly broadcasts: "Mr. and Mrs. America, and the coming generation of Young Americans, Fellow Christocrats." . . . Royal Scott Gulden now has offices at 509 Fifth Avenue. Under his name on the office building's bulletin board is simply, "Real Estate Broker." Gulden's activities were not always so modest. Back in 1933 he ran the Order of '76, and he told Richard Rollins: "Our Order is the main operating unit along the Eastern seaboard for a new national organization. At the head of it is a man in Asheville, North Carolina, who will some day—I promise you—rule America. His name is William Dudley Pelley, our commander-in-chief and head of America's greatest patriots—the Silver Shirts."

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